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Subject: Caltrans Headquarters IGR/CEQA Review of State Clearinghouse #96032083  
Notice of Completion for the CALFED Project

Dear CALFED:

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project and the accompanying environmental documents. The Department of Transportation Headquarters Intergovernmental Review (IGR)/California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Review Program received copies of these documents. Copies of these documents were sent to our District 3, 4 and 10 offices at our request. Your office should be receiving comments from these district offices.

Caltrans supports the development and enhancement of wildlife and wetlands areas, especially when they are compatible with the enhancement and improvement of our State transportation system. Our headquarters review of these documents found insufficient information to determine or evaluate the potential for impacts to the State transportation system in the CALFED Bay-Delta area of impact. These documents need to address the potential for hydraulic and hydrologic impacts to State highways. If wetlands are located in close proximity to roadways, hydraulic and hydrologic impacts are likely to occur. Caltrans needs more information and more specific information relative to potential impacts to the State transportation system, if we are to evaluate the total project. Caltrans suggests that projects be evaluated for impacts on a case by case basis and that mitigation for any individual project be determined at the time of its planning stage.

Contact Bill Costa at (916) 653-9689, if you have questions concerning these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William J. Costa".

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